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COAL MINING HOLDS AT PLAN LEVEL

MINING MACHINE NEEDS IMPROVEMENTS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 140, 16 Jun 49

The new "Donbass" mining combine [machine] permits complete mechanization of labor-consuming operations in drifts and the uninterrupted flow of coal from the mining site to the loading on railroad cars.

The first few months of operating the combine in Donbass coal mines have shown that it is completely possible to attain an average monthly coal extraction of 10,000 tons with this machine. Some of the better operators have pledged to mine 15,000 tons of coal per month with it and even this is not the limit.

A further increase in the combine's productivity is limited primarily by its present low-capacity electric engine. The engine of the MY-60 cutting machine is now used to propel the "Donbass" combine but it is not powerful enough to bring out the full potentialities of the combine. At one mine, the operators could not even start the combine. This was due entirely to the fact that the combine's engine is not powerful enough.

It is necessary to make a special electric engine for this coal combine powerful enough to do the job. This calls for closer liason between machine designers and coal miners and for wider participation of engineers and designers in this task.

MOSCOW COMBINE FULFILLS PLAN -- Izvestiya, No 143, 19 Jun 49

The "Moskvougol" Combine fulfilled the half-year plan for mining and hauling of coal and for development work on 17 June. Average daily extraction of coal, in comparison with the first half of 1948, rose 12.9 percent, and labor productivity rose 10.8 percent. Since the first of the year, the combine has mined and hauled more than 450,000 tons of coal above the plan. Trusts of the Moscow basin operating most efficiently were the "Stalinoagregat," "Shcherbakovugol," and "Otkrabugol."

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Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 142, 18 Jun 49

Miners of the "Moskvougol'" Combine pledged to release 12 million rubles of working capital during 1949. During the first 5 months of 1949, they released about 18 million rubles, of which have been deposited with the State.

TULA COMBINE FULFILLS PLAN -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 145, 20 Jun 49

The "Zalugol'" Coal Combine fulfilled the half-year plan for mining and hauling coal on 17 June. The plan for development work was also completed ahead of schedule. The average daily coal production, in comparison with the first half of 1948, rose 12.7 percent. During 5 months of 1949, above-plan savings amounted to 3 million rubles.

KUZBASS TRUST COMPLETES PLAN -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 123, 27 May 49

Miners of the "Belovugol'" Trust, Kemerovo Oblast, were the first in the Kuzbass to complete the 5-month plan for coal mining, and also completed the plan for all mine-preparatory work. The leading miner, "Babakovskaya" and imeni "1 Maya," have mined several hundred tons toward completion of the June plan.

COKE PLANT WANTS COOPERATION -- Izvestiya, No 144, 21 Jun 49

The turnover of working capital in the Zaporozh'ye Coke-Chemical Plant is delayed by the presence in the plant of products which have not been shipped to consumers. The Stalin Railroad System does not furnish the plant with empty freight cars regularly and in sufficient numbers. The Ministry of Metallurgical Industry USSR and its Main Coke Administration do not supply the plant with a railroad transport plan and shipping details.

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